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THE POLITICAL TROCHA.

Bicyclist McKinley has had nice smooth riding on the national cycle path up to the present date. Now he must get off his wheel and clear away this trocha left by Democracy.

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LET US AMEND Byron a little—"'Tis Greece, and living Greece, some more."

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THE TURK is beyond civilization. His only arbitration is that of the assassin.

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THE POWERS find that Greece is not to be rubbed out as if she were a mere spot.

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THE COLORS of the old flag on the seventeenth of March are red, white and green.

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THE QUESTION is being agitated, "What is Christianity?" Let us answer in one word—Greece.

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THE SULTAN is managing the powers with consummate skill. His diplomacy is superior to their courage and their humanity.

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IT SEEMS a pity that the mothers' convention could not have been guided and strengthened by the presence and advice of a few men.

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GAMBLING is the art of giving money to persons whom you don't owe and declining to exercise the same kindness in behalf of persons whom you do.

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THE INMATES of a Chicago insane-asylum have formed a Browning club. If they didn't belong to such a club before going to the asylum, what are they there for?

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WE BEG to barely suggest that combinations of labor are as much trusts as combinations of capital; though they may be necessary as a matter of self-defense.

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HORACE PORTER has been mentioned for office more numerously than any other man. We were quite astonished that he wasn't chosen a delegate to the mothers' congress.

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THE STORY of Jonah continues to agitate the theological world; but there seems to be no doubt that Saint Patrick was the greatest artist in the removal of snakes outside of New Jersey.

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THE LEGISLATURE of Nevada votes up prize-fighting and votes down woman-suffrage. Here is a whip in Susan Anthony's hand to lash the Nevada legislature more or less naked through the land.

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THE HUMOR of Mr. Cleveland before the doctors of this town the other day was the genuine article; and we have always thought that the sedate and severe rhinoceros could dance if he might be relieved of his front legs.

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"WE NEED WAR," says a writer who is opposed to arbitration, "to make men manly." The larger part of the great army of tramps in this country is a result of our war thirty years ago. There were no organized beggars before that period. If that is the kind of manliness that war brings about there ought to be some respect for peace.

SAINT-PATRICK'S-DAY PATRIOTISM.

MR. KILLILLY—"Mrs. McShanagan, Oi've boorded wid yez now fer foor mont's, wid divil a kick about th' grub; but Oi draws th' loine on th' grane spinach this marnin'."

MRS. MCSHANAGAN—"Phwat's th' matther wid it?"

MR. KILLILLY—"Begorry! it hos a *red* hair in it."

THE RADICAL REFORMERS.

A LAW of the Argentine republic obliges a man or woman who rejects an offer of marriage without good cause to pay a fine of five hundred piasters to the person rejected. Now should not that portion of South America be annexed to Kansas?

THE ROYAL INDORSEMENT.

THE PRINCE OF WALES declared himself in favor of Mr. Bayard's brandied peaches. We may therefore look for great industry on the part of the American housewife next fall in the line of preserved fruit; and as for the American young men who worship his imperial highness, they will probably get themselves intoxicated whether they can get the necessary fruit or not.

ENVY.

JOHN BURNS is dreadfully bitter against South African millionaires, and more especially against "the alien millionaire" Waldorf Astor. Let him have a little of the charity of one of his predecessors and consider that "the man's the man for a' that." Mr. Astor really couldn't help being wealthy. He was born to that unhappy condition. And, after all, if Mr. Burns had a fair opportunity to be a millionaire wouldn't he clutch it?

OUR NAVAL CRIPPLES.

ADMIRAL BUNCE thinks our war-vessels will be all right as soon as they are destroyed and others are built to supply the vacancies. There are persons who would like to see a resurrection of John Roach; but as that is impossible perhaps somebody will invent a way to control the elements so as to prevent storms and rough water. That, and the general adoption of the arbitration idea, will, we are sure, make these great cruisers quite formidable war-dogs.

ADAM AND BRIGHAM.

EACH STATE in the union is entitled to two statues of her most distinguished men for the statuary hall of the national capitol, and the legislature of Utah will probably select Brigham Young as one of her two men to be so honored. The monument to Adam proposed by Mark Twain should have a place in the hall as a representative-at-large. Brigham will stand, we suppose, as the father of one of the largest families, and Adam as the original papa beats him hands down.

CRIME IN MISSOURI.

IT TOOK three years to hang a Missouri millionaire murderer as to whose guilt there was no doubt and whose sanity was established by thorough investigation. It has taken longer than that in this state to convict and execute a murderer without money or friends and whose life was of no value except in behalf of the notoriety of his lawyer. Let us commend Missouri. She has her lynchings, but money cannot purchase her law and justice with respect to crimes not so chronic and legitimate.

THE BAD, BAD MAN.

THE REFORMERS are not of one mind. Colonel Ingersoll says a woman should have a divorce whenever she so desires, and that nobody but a brute will live with a woman who asks to be free from him. And a Missouri clergyman wants to tax bachelors very heavily, and send them to the penitentiary at the age of thirty; adding that after that age a bachelor is unfit to live with a pure woman. Between these reforming extremists the universal man had better split the difference and go out and get himself hanged.

SHAMROCK AND SHILLALAH.

THE ITALIANS of this country at this period are doing the digging that the Patricks did forty years ago. The Irish have risen to more genteel and commanding positions, and to a large extent are the kings of our municipal governments. Only a bright race could have advanced so rapidly in wealth and influence; and the fact that at home they continue miserable and poor is evidence, if any were needed, that there they have no fair play. We imagine, however, that when Ireland gets home rule she will govern too much. It will be a very pretty government, with plenty of amusement and much prosperity for those in authority; and the complete and unbroken heads in it will be as scarce as the reptiles largely evicted by the sainted Patrick.

A LOAN FISHERMAN'S CONFIDENCE.

HOCKHEIMER (*who has been manipulating his spare corks*)—"I say! Ikey Cohen?"
IKEY COHEN—"Vat?"
HOCKHEIMER—"I'll bet you fife tollars I gedt der first sugcker."

SURE ENOUGH!

"PA?" BEGAN little Clarence Callipers, making use of the rising inflection usually employed by one who yearns to know something of vast and vital importance. "Why"——

"There, my son; that will do," interrupted his long-suffering sire wearily. "I am quite sure that I do not know the answer to the question you wish to ask, and, judging by past experiences with your many and highly original interrogatories, I feel warranted in saying that the answer would not be of any profit to you if I did happen to know it."

"But you don't know what I wanted to ask, pa," persisted the seeker after knowledge.

"No, but I can guess, having been there before. Let me tell you a story. Upon one occasion at a county fair, some years ago, I saw a man keeping accurate time at a foot-race, using for a stop-watch a big toad which he held in his hand while he counted the seconds by the blinking of the toad's eyes. You were going to ask a question as unique and unexpected as that man's act in utilizing a toad for a stop-watch."

"Why, no, I wasn't, pa! I was simply going to ask why the newspapers usually print 'damn,' 'd, dash, n'?"

"So that the profane word will not offend the sensibilities of the fastidious reader, of course."

"But it doesn't fool the reader any, does it? He knows what it means when it is printed that way, doesn't he?"

"Certainly. He supplies the missing letters in his mind as he reads."

"Well, then, pa, what is the difference, after all?"

TOM P. MORGAN.

VERY NEARLY.

MISS GOTROKS—"Did you say you were nearly related to the Ponsomby family?"
MISS MILLIONS—"Oh, yes; my sister once accepted Lord Ponsomby's brother's youngest son — but the match fell through."

SAINT PATRICK'S AFTERMATH.

JUST now, when McGinnis goes out on a toot
And spends his time tilting a glass,
He feels by next morning the snake in the boot
Is as bad as the snake in the grass.

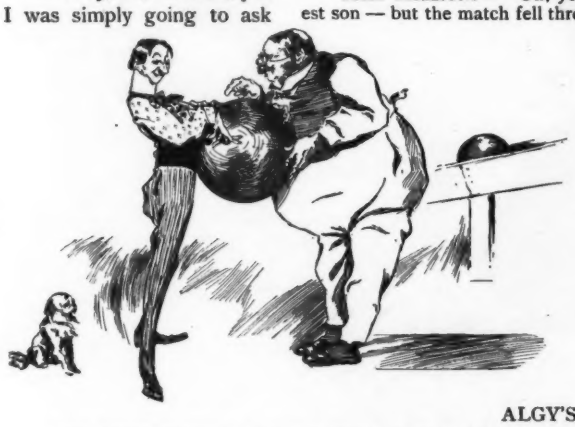
HOW IT FLIES.

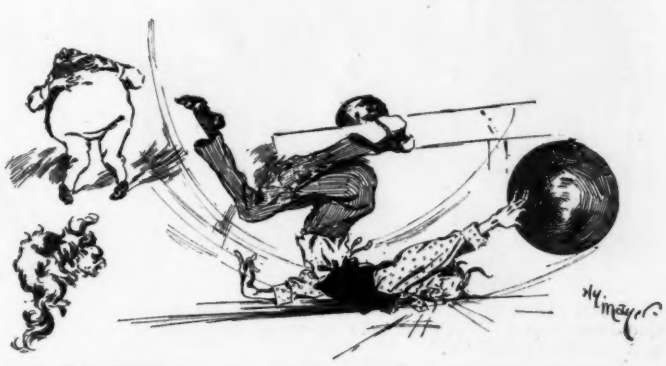
Mother (to little six-year-old Louise)—"It's two weeks since you promised to learn that verse."

Louise—"Yes, dear mamma, but the time des flies like lightning-bugs."

THEIR WAY.

THE fair sex cannot work
However they may scoff,
For when their birthdays come
They take a whole year off.





ALGY'S FIRST LESSON IN BOWLING.

THE INSTRUCTOR—"Now, put your fingers in der holes, und ven I say von—doo—t'ree you let go und t'row der ball avay."

"Von—doo—t'ree!"

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

MAY IRWIN.

You is a wondah, jes' turned loose—
No Black Patti, but got a good excuse,
An' you sing dem coon selections out o' sight.
Your Crappy Dan hab always got his gun,
Dat's how you 'cumulate de mon,
An' dere's a hot time at de Bijou ebery night.

THE IRISH WEDDING.

THE little cabin gray and old
Is roofed with moss and patches;
The windows shake with shattered panes,
The doors with broken latches.
A creeper to the crumbling eaves
Its way is slowly threading,
But there they came from far and near,
The night of Nora's wedding.

If you across the ridgy field
Had happened to be straying
You might have heard from dark till dawn
The blind old fiddler playing;
And, peering in, you might have seen
A wrinkled woman heading
The mazes of an Irish jig,
The night of Nora's wedding.

She brushed her whitened locks aside
And courtesied down the middle,
Still keeping perfect step and time
To partner and to fiddle.
Her ample skirts of woolen stuff
Coquettishly outspreading—
The fire of youth was in her eye,
The night of Nora's wedding.

Oh, Nora was so fair a bride
She needed no adorning,
But Nora's mother kept the floor
Until the early morning.
With all the grace of seventeen
The merry measures treading,
She danced the lads and lassies down,
The night of Nora's wedding.

MINNA IRVING.

NECESSARILY.

CHOLLY—"That Miss Featherlim dresses out of sight."

OLDSPORT—"I should hope so."

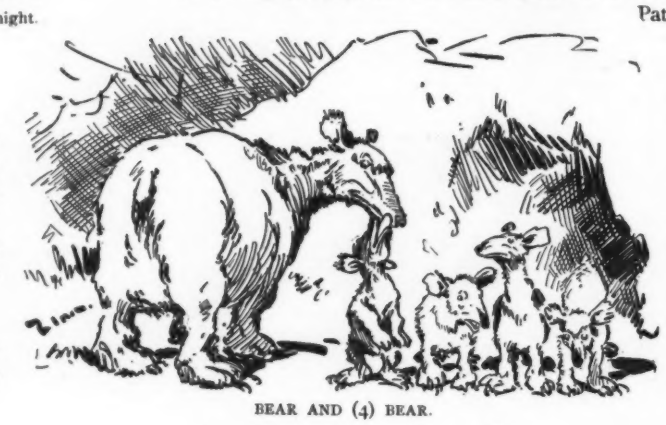
THERE IS DANGER.

"IT SEEMS odd," remarked Mrs. Tenspot, "that with all the words in the English language an ordinary person's vocabulary is only about two thousand five hundred words."

"It is odd, my dear," replied her husband, "and it behooves you to be careful."

"Me careful? Why?"

"You go through your vocabulary so many times a day there is danger that you will wear it out."



BEAR AND (4) BEAR.

FOR SOCIETY'S SAKE

IT WAS at Michael Hoolihan's wake that Mrs. Muldoon, Mrs. Keogh and Mrs. Flannigan were discussing the physical and mental pain which women sometimes endure for society's sake. Patrick Muldoon was an interested listener.

"Shure," said Mrs. Flannigan, "the most painful thing Oi ever endured for socoiety's sake was wearin' number t'ree shoes on me number foive feet at me darter's weddin'. Me feet nearly kilt me intoirely."

"Faith," remarked Mrs. Muldoon, "an' the most tryin' thing Oi ever expariencedfor socoiety's sake was to look pleasant an' receive me guests when Oi saw me husband a-flirtin' at our tin weddin' wid thot frisky, red-haired, freckle-faced Mulcahy girl. Oi was mad all over."

"Well, the most painful thing Oi ever endured for socoiety's sake," said Mrs. Keogh, "was to kape me composure an entertain callers in the parlor when Oi could hear me drunken husband a-breakin' up the dishes in the kitchen. Oi tell yez, Oi nearly exploded."

"Spakin' of bearin' pain for socoiety's sake," observed Patrick Muldoon, "did any of yez ladies ever get shaved in a foive-cent shop on the Bowery?" WALTER CHAMP.

SUPERLATIVE GRAFT.

BLIND FAKIR—"Take my advice, pard, an' giv up de injured-limb appeal. You'll be losin' de use of dat paralized leg ef yer don't exercise it."

HOPELESS PARALYTIC—"W'ot erbout dem smoked glasses hurtin' your real eyesight?"

BLIND FAKIR—"Dey don't. Dey are a preventative frum ever losin' it. See?"

A DRAWBACK.

AUNT—"Well, Ethel, how do you like your new little brother?"

ETHEL (*aged four*)—"I don't like him at all. He can't even speak English."

IN HONOR OF SAINT PATRICK.

COME to your ungle, ye sons of toil,
Und pud ub your dools vere dey cannot spoil.
Vat do you vant on your spade und hoe?
I lendt you monish, and you can go
To honor der gread Saind Batrick.
Dose drei balls stand for der shamrock sign,
A freund auf der Irish is Isaacstein.
Ven you comes to got aus your dools from pawn,
You finds your ungle vears diamonds on
In honor of gread Saind Batrick.

HOW IT WOUND UP.

Cobwigger—"So you were having a three-cornered fight to see which was the best man when the policeman tried to stop you?"

Gilhooley—"Yis."

Cobwigger—"And naturally you all turned and jumped on the cop?"

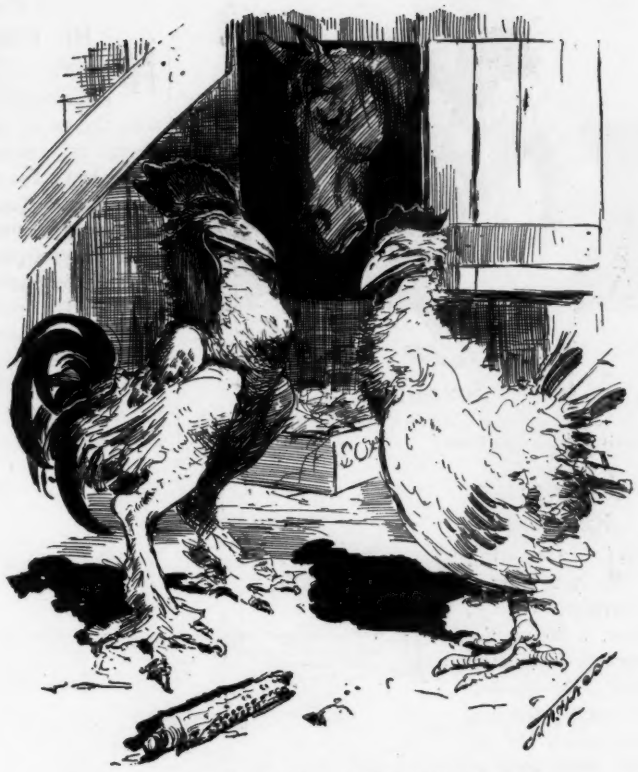
Gilhooley—"Yis."

Cobwigger—"And which turned out the best man?"

Gilhooley—"Th' cop."

THE POWER OF SONG.

WHEN to us mortals Marion sings,
Who hears her voice all else forgets;
For of our hearts she pulls the strings
And we are only Marion-ettes.



BARN-YARD CASUALTIES.

THE ROOSTER—"You don't seem to be feathering your nest overmuch lately."

THE PULLET—"No; it is too dangerous. The old horse is in the habit of helping himself to the hay in it, and yesterday he included a bunch of my tail-feathers by mistake."

FIRST, LAST AND ONLY.

MRS. JONES—"Do you remember that night in June, Henry, when you first asked me to marry you?"

MR. JONES—"If you refer to that first, last, single, solitary and only occasion upon which I ever asked you to marry me, I do—and you never gave me another chance, remember."

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

WHEN Eliza Kortright married James Monroe
He was a blithe young fellow with a hand
Of genial fellowship; he loved his land,
But loved Eliza more—and better so:

For she was such a helpmate as men go
Through life to meet—assertive, tactful, bland.
Her doctrine was, that presidents command
For what they give—a social quid pro quo.

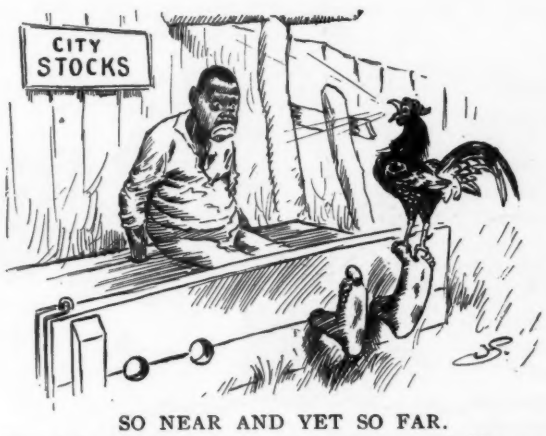
Thus she became a queen without a crown,
The first lady of her country, whose dissent
Meant death to some ambitious hope—or gown.
Ah, woman ruled upon our continent,
And looked her legal master up and down,
When handsome James Monroe was president!

GEORGE EDGAR MONTGOMERY.

HONORS ARE EASY.

The man who wants to know—"What on earth makes Browne-Jones so uncommonly stuck on himself to-day?"

The man who does know—"Why, haven't you heard? It's all over London that Browne-Jones was blackballed by the Sons of the American Revolution."



SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

"Dis sho' am de mos' extreem case ob aggrawation I ebber saw!"

APOLLO'S LYRE CAUSES TROUBLE.

ACQUAINTANCE—"What are you shooting at that man for, Ike?"

ALKALI IKE—"I sed ter him thet wuz a funny thing thet statoo wuz playin'."

ACQUAINTANCE—"Well?"

ALKALI IKE—"I didn't 'zac'ly understand his reply, but he sed sumthin' 'bout me bein' a liar."

THE PHENOMENAL KICK.

1. YALEBACK (*Biff!*)—"I'll knock that ball out of sight this time."

HE DIDN'T WANT IT.

HE WAS a happy young fellow, and he came down the street swinging his cane with the air of owning the earth just as the electric car was turning the corner. Disdaining to hail it like a common mortal, he made a dive for it, clutching wildly at space. His cane cut the atmosphere in twain, his ten-dollar hat sought a resting-place in the gutter, and the elusive electric glided on; while the would-be passenger landed flat in the dust upon the opposite car-track.

The heartless crowd laughed. A grinning street-arab shouted jeeringly, "Come to me arms, me Medora!" while a lank individual with the second-hand solemnity of an undertaker drawled laconically, "Say! air yer goin' ter take that car, young feller?"

"No!" roared the infuriated victim. "I'm going to sit here all summer."

He didn't, though; for just then the coming car swooped down upon him at the rate of fifty knots an hour, and the rapidity with which that man got up was only equaled by the velocity with which he had gone down.

The last that was seen of him by the interested spectators, his animated coat-tails were a vanishing point in the distance. He didn't want a car, on second thought.

ELIZABETH A. VORE.

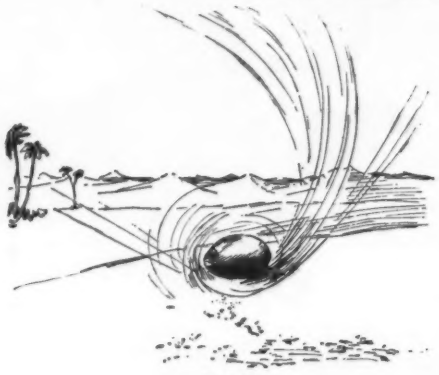
NECESSARILY HANDICAPPED.

PROPRIETOR—"Does the new clerk seem to know anything about book-keeping?"

HEAD BOOK-KEEPER—"Nothing at all, sir; but then, you must remember he has never done anything before but teach double-entry in a business college."

A WOMAN'S REASON.

"IN accepting your offer of marriage, George, dear, I do so not because I am anxious to be married, or that I prefer you particularly to all the other men in the world, but because my dearest friend, Susie Rivers, has a perfectly divine engagement-ring, and I would like to wear one like it."



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NO SNAKE THEN.

SAINT PATRICK, not a sin or crime
Would we now have to grieve
Had you been born about the time
When Adam lived with Eve.

HIS NEED.

Lushington (wabbling in at one a.m.)—"M' (hic) dearsh, I was (hic) held up."

Mrs. Lushington (with biting sarcasm)—"You certainly needed to be."

3. THE OSTRICH—"A-ha! this is something good to 'sit' on. I guess I'll hatch it out.——

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.

IN THE dim hush of the cathedral aisle
The incense swayed and swung 'mid flowers and prayers.
The music rose and fell in rhythmic glide;
Rich penitents brushed past with pitying smile.
A Magdalen crouched near the altar-stair;
A child froze in the sculptured niche outside.

EMMA PLAYTER SEABURY.

SAVING THE WEAR AND TEAR.

COHEN (*going away for a week's visit with his wife*)—"Rachel, did you shtop der eighd-day glock?"

4. ——Well, I'm a 'bird' to mistake a football for an egg.——

A GREAT VIRTUE.

THEY say they're making glass hats now;
I don't see how they do 'em.
But they've this merit, anyhow—
Their wearers can't talk through 'em.

C. W.

OBJECTED TO.

"WHAT was the nature of the trouble you had with your last nurse-girl?"

"She didn't like it because I asked her to stay at home with the children."

SOME COLOR OF TRUTH.

Ted—"What made Pat quarrel with his girl on Saint Patrick's day?"

Ned—"I suppose it had something to do with the green-eyed monster."

A CHANGE.

BEFORE we were married,
With kiss and with vow
She would cling round my neck; but
She walks on it now.

5. ——But it'll come in handy for our home team all right."

THE SNAKE'S LAMENT.

THERE came to New Jersey an exile of Erin,
Who bravely had battled with tempest and flood,
By Saint Patrick driven; now at twilight repairing
To wander alone in the rain-beaten mud.
But the "lightning" attracted his eye's sad devotion
For it flashed o'er his own native isle of the ocean,
Where oft, in the fire of men's maudlin' emotion,
He'd heard the bold anthem of Erin go bragh.

"Oh, hard is my lot!" said the sad-hearted stranger.
"The mosquito and pig to a covert can flee,
But I have no refuge from famine and danger;
A home and a country remain not to me."
But then on a sudden he grew very frisky
At seeing hard by him a barrel of whisky;
And though no doubt it appeared rather risky,
In he went, murmuring "Erin go bragh."

"Erin, an exile bequeaths you his blessing,"
Hissed the old snake, lying coiled in the cask.
"I'll revisit your shores when you're slyly addressing
Your respects to the spirits that come in the flask.
Buried in rye, let my coils get in motion;
Full be thy cups, sweetest isle of the ocean,
And thy coal-heaving sons sing aloud at each potion,
'Erin mavourneen—Erin go bragh!'"

JAMES JAY O'CONNELL.

ONE OF THE PRESENTS.

HOGAN—"How did yez git thot oye?"
BROGAN—"Oi cilibrated me birt'day lasht avenin'."

VERY LIKELY.

"Murderer Duestrow of St. Louis employed another murderer confined in the same prison to act as his man-servant."—*Daily paper.*

HE WAS probably spoken of by the prison authorities as the valet of the shadow of death.

ALL FOR THE BEST.

Cobwigger—"It was a good thing for Saint Patrick that Ireland wasn't situated in Africa?"

O'Hoolihan—"Phwy so, sorr?"

Cobwigger.—"Look at the job he would have had driving out pythons and boa-constrictors."

THE OPINION OF A HOUSE-HUNTER.

"OH, WHAT a perfectly delightful, great big bedroom!" exclaimed Mrs. Tenspot to the agent who was showing her a house with the view of renting it.

"I beg your pardon, madam," replied the agent, "but that is not a bedroom. It is a closet."

"A closet? Gracious! it's too small entirely for a closet."

FOUND WANTING.

MR. G. W. JEFFERSON—"'Lize Johnsing sez yo' sed yo' gwine toe leabe me, Suze Jane."

MRS. G. W. JEFFERSON (*angrily*)—"Yes, I be! When yo' dun steal a chicking, yo' shif'less, no-'count cullud pussun! yo' dun go off an' swap hit fo' 'backy an' gin 'stead ob bringin' hit home toe yo' fam'ly like a decent, self-respectin', good husban', yo' do!"

TRUE TO LIFE.

"GREAT idea, that of Scribbler's, in making a populist the hero of his latest novel. So original, so unlike the regulation plan!"

"Yes? As how?"

"Why, after a courtship full enough of calamity to satisfy the most exacting populist, he marries the girl and they live unhappy ever after."

AN AUSPICIOUS OCCASION.

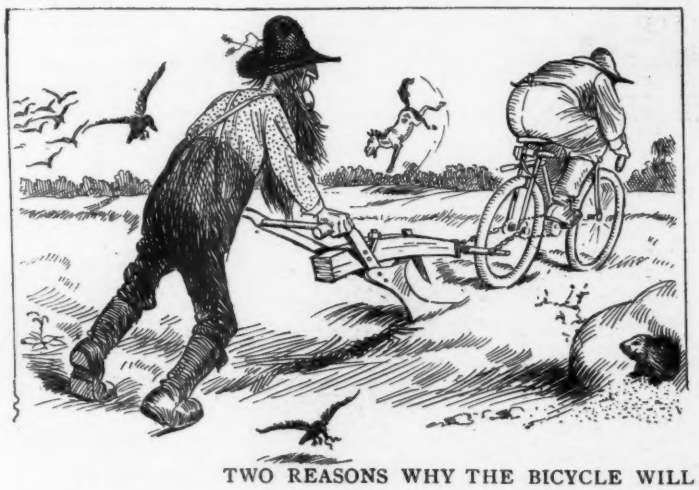
Muldoon—"Oi be afther hearin' thot O'Hooley is dead. He wor a foine felly."

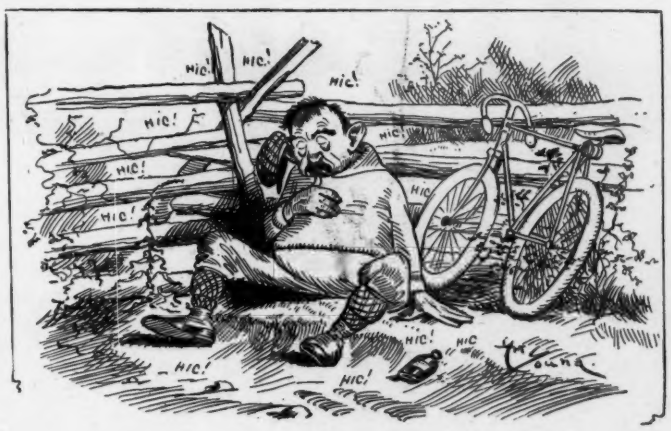
O'Hoolihan—"Thrue fer yez, me bhoy. He doied happy, thinkin' phwat an iligant wake he'd give th' bhoys on Saint Pathrick's ave."

ENTHUSIASM.

"WHEN Fratters played Hamlet down at San Frustino did the audience egg him on when he reached his heroics?"

"Not exactly. They egged him off."





TWO REASONS WHY THE BICYCLE WILL NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF THE HORSE.

Farmer Uptosnuff says you can't plow with them "worth shucks."

Mr. Booze finds that a fellow can't rely on them to take him safely home when he has a load.

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PRESIDENT McKINLEY A

EY AND HIS CABINET.

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AN ULSTER-MAN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

UNSUCCESSFUL SUMMERS.

PLAINTIFF (*in breach-of-promise suit, who has been asked her age*)—"I—I have seen twenty summers, sir."
LAWYER (*for the defense*)—"Long Branch, or Asbury?"

SIDE-TONGUES.

IT SEEMS impossible for true mother-love to express itself in the true mother-tongue. The bare English words are not large and rich and soft enough to properly convey the gushings of a heart loaded with the sort of affection a mother feels for her child, and from this condition has sprung a side language—an annex to the principal institution—termed in a general way baby-talk.

While cold English falls upon the ear like lead, baby-talk tinkles and jingles like little brass cymbals upon a marble slab; it gurgles in its purity as the mountain brook gurgles, and leaps and falls and leaps again as gladsomely.

Its use becomes a second nature to the mother with her second child. She gushes at the milkman and gurgles at the son of freedom who saws the wood, and it makes her more or less unpopular. No strong man likes to be gurgled at on ordinary occasions. He enjoys it occasionally only, as he enjoys a drink of pure water. Therefore a deep and horrible frown appears upon his face when his wife says,

"Papa, oomusdetsum toffy zismornin, ansum edds ansum topetowasse ittetweety's tloes."

The frown deepens and becomes more horrible later.

"Opapa, hasoodotsum moneywizoo todeteittepet tum newtirties?"

"More tirties!" snorts papa in a rich bass voice. "More tirties! Heavens! Is there no limit to the shirts that child needs?"

Up goes the voice of mamma to high C, from which point it ripples down again.

"Hearedweatbidtwossman! Donwantodeteittepet tloes toteepitwarmy!"

It sounds somewhat like Yankee Doodle. It is maddening. Papa rushes from the house.

But that night a big, strong man stands beside the little white bed and furtively watches mamma as she leaves the room. She is to be gone but a minute. He quickly bends over the form of the small sleeper.

"Besse ittieheart!" he rumbles. "Bessepecious—popsittieman!"

Why is it? What is there in the affectionate human heart that inspires the torture of English—that makes it writhe and twist and groan? I don't know. But I do know that I have no confidence in a mother that cannot speak the gibberish. I see no necessity for her using it when she addresses the milkman or the wood-sawer, yet it is better thus than to have none of it. My soul goes out in huge chunks to the orphans who never hear it. My breast heaves with emotion when I think of the helpless offspring of heartless parents who will talk ordinary English words from the start.

I can't admire it when I'm in a mood for business. No man can. He had rather talk slang — good old straightforward office-boy slang that makes a hole in the impression-plate of the mind every time it strikes it. So from baby-talk he passes to slang and from slang to baby-talk, and what becomes of ordinary English in the meantime he neither knows nor cares.

Some day the unfortunate individual who has neither baby nor office-boy will be compelled to learn French in order to make himself understood of a portion of his fellows, and then—what's that? Side-tongues there too? Side-tongues undermining, sapping the vitality, consuming all but the roots of the dear old words he once loved so well? Then must he flee to the small-talk of the first circles, where babies and office-boys are unknown.

DAVID H. TALMADGE

1. SOMETHING NEW.

"The old gal has dropped her bundle. I won't do a t'ing to it."

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Foreign Office to Royal Gardens, Kew.

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(Inclosure.)

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Received for Premiums	$39,593,414 20
From all other Sources	10,109,281 07
	$49,702,695 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$12,595,113 39
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	12,842,456 11
For all other Accounts	10,781,005 64
	$36,218,575 14

ASSETS.

United States Bonds and other Securities	$110,125,082 15
First lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	71,543,929 56
Loans on Stocks and Bonds	11,091,525 00
Real Estate	22,767,666 65
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	12,680,390 00
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,535,555 06
	$234,744,148 42
Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities	205,010,633 72
Surplus	$29,733,514 70
Insurance and Annuities in force	$918,698,338 45

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PAT (*in convulsions*)—"By garry, Biddy! Oi'll niver make an entoire meal aff pickles again, St. Patrick's day or anny other day."

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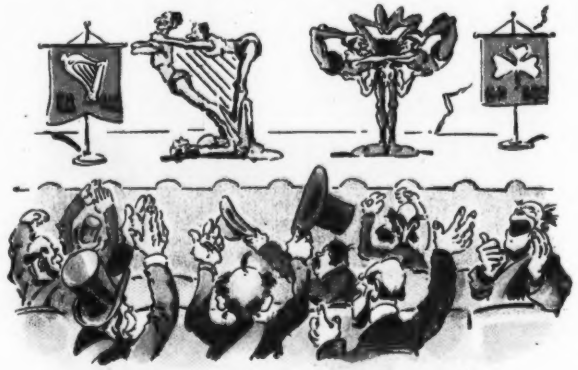
The first "harp" that played to plenty of "greenbacks" was badly "strung" for it.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN THE MORNING.



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